



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
 Warm Water
 Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/11/2018	9:30	Grand Lodge Waterpark Resort, Wausau, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Joe Weiss at	9:30
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Rick Olson, Joe Weiss, Larry Damman, Alan Brown, Michael Kelby, Kurt Justice, Steve Budnik, Bob Bohardt, Peter Doperlaski, Mike Gotstein, Ted Eisenbacher, Randy Symicek, Jason Brazzale, Joe Stuchlak, Alan Balliet, Michael Arrowood, Scott Strook, Harry Bowey, Reed Kabelowsky, Brett Weir, Mike Gould, Thomas Daluga Jr., Meredith Pethorn, Greg Sass, Rick Rosen, (Wayne Schmidt, added as attendee REVISED 09/11/2018)
EXCUSED	Paul Reith
UNEXCUSED	Robert McNeill, John Blumreich
GUESTS	Meredith Penthorn, Greg Sass, Rick Rosen

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Items combined item #440818 and 440918
ACTION	approved,

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Chair reviewed mission statement
ACTION	N/A

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

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| 12" minimum Size Limit for walleyes on Winnebago system, 450718 | Rolland Ritchie |
| DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution. Fisheries staff asked various stake holders like fishing clubs if they thought there was a need for a regulation change. The number one response was for a reduced bag limit, the response was 67% answered yes to a reduced bag limit to 3 walleye. Also DNR Fisheries is proposing a 3 daily bag on the 2019 Spring Hearing question. Mike Arrowood of Walleyes for Tomorrow stated size limit has nothing to do with, when and how a fish spawns, age does. |
| ACTION | Motion to reject by Al Brown and Larry Damman 2nd Rejected |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Rolland Ritchie | |
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| 14"-18" slot limit with daily limit of one over 18" for all bass in Tiger Cat Flowage, 580418 | Jack Steffen not present |
| DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution to members, Committee member Rick Olson commented in support of the Local Fish Manager. Local Biologist does support a change in the regulation. |
| ACTION | Motion to advance by Larry Damman and second by Brett Weir, passed Advance |
| PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Jack Steffen from Eau Claire | |

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| 3. | Allow fishing in sturgeon holes during sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago, 200418 | not present |
| | DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution and Mike Arrowood gave history of "fishing in the Hole" Rick Rosen gave opinion regarding fishing in the hole. It seems that you will always have people who will break the law and we cannot stop that. So why penalize everyone and not give someone an opportunity to fish for other species. Mike Arrowood stated that this was allowed in the past. |
| | ACTION | Motion to advance by Mike Arrowood and second by Kurt Justice, passed Advance |
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| 4. | Catch & release only for small and largemouth bass, 1st Sat. in May-3rd Sat. in June, 640818 | Duane Harpister |
| | DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution and Author presented his opinion, on how to develop a quality bass fishery in Vilas County. Mike Arrowood stated that Vilas County has 21 Bass Regulations. |
| | ACTION | Motion to advance Kurt Justice and 2nd by Steve Budnik, Passed Advance |
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| 5. | Daily bag of 10 panfish in total and 10" minimum length for crappies, Cranberry Lake, 510118 | Not present |
| | DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution to members, Discussion by various delegates pointed in the direction of waiting for the Panfish Research to be completed before any changes are made. |
| | ACTION | Motion to advance by Kurt Justice and 2nd by Tom Daluga hand vote 7 to 12 failed. Motion to reject Reed Kabelowsky and second by Alan Balliet, passed Rejected |
| | PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| | John Carlson | |
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| 6. | Elimination of county specific regulations for motor trolling, 440418 | Not present |
| | DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution to members, and read Fisheries response of would/could be a change but table it for the time being, since the DNR implemented a new rule back in 2015. The 2015 rule was a culmination of input from fishing clubs, WCC Delegates, Fisheries biologist and so on. And we want to wait and see how the current regulations pan out and make adjustments if there are continued problems. Author's comments reinforce the elimination of county specific motor trolling. But delegate discussion reinforces the opinion to reject this motion and wait and see if problems continue and make adjustments then. |
| | ACTION | Motion to reject by Rick Olson and second by Kurt Justice. passed Rejected |
| | PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| | Tom Gadski | |
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| 7. | Increase size limit of Muskellunge on the Lemonweir River, 010118, 290118 | Not present |
| | DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution to members. Members discussed implementing various size limits, some said have one size for the entire state. |
| | ACTION | Motion to advance by Steve Budnik and second by Larry Damman, passed advanced |
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| 8. | Lac Vieux Desert muskellunge size limit increase, 641118 | [PRESENTER] |
| | DISCUSSION | Resolution read to delegates by chair, Discussion by delegates ensued. |

ACTION	Motion to advance by Stuchlak and 2nd by Steve Budnik, Passed	advanced
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

9.	Lake Tomahawk muskellunge size increase, 440718	Not Present
DISCUSSION	Chair read resolution to delegates.	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Gould and 2nd by Daluga, passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

10.	Make motor trolling rules consistent statewide, 440818	Not Present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and comments from Author. Discussion by members. noted that this is a local issue only and comments from the department suggests the same. DNR wants to see how the current regulation goes before proposing a new regulation.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Peter Doperlaski and 2nd by Rick Olson. passed	Rejected
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

11.	Make the 25/10 panfish rule on White Clay Lake permanent, 590318	Dennis Muck
DISCUSSION	Author was present. Based upon Panfish Team Leader, Max Wolter. We should wait to see the results of the research first before making any regulation(s) change(s) Author stated he did not know the sunset date and wanted to get ahead of the current 25/10 Panfish sunset research in 2020-2021, He just wanted to get ahead of the process. Regional Wardens Rick Rosen stated that the local wardens want to see how the research pans out.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Larry Damman and 2nd Kurt Justice, passed	Rejected
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

12.	Minimum slot size for walleyes on portion of the Wisconsin River, 720818	Al Peterson
DISCUSSION	Author presented his opinion to improve the quality of walleye fishery within a certain area/section of the Wisconsin River. Although the response from area fish biologists do not support such a change. Comments from the delegates supports a change of some kind, like a bag limit reduction 5 a day to 3 a day.	
ACTION	Motion to advance fails 7 to 12, Motion to reject Rick Olson 2nd by Tom Daluga passed	Rejected
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

13.	Only one crappie over 12" daily bag limit on Moose Lake, 580818	Not Present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair, Opinion of the local Fisheries Biologist is wait and see the outcome of the experimental panfish regulation. The panfish regulation on Moose Lake is currently the most restrictive 10 per day.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Wayne Schmidt and 2nd by Larry Damman,	Rejected
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

14.	Oppose harvesting catfish by bowfishing or handfishing, 630218	Not Present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and comments from Cat Fish Team Leader. Delegate discussion ensued.	

ACTION	Motion to advance by Mike Gould and 2nd by Alan Balliet. passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

15.	Panfish bag limit change on Moose Lake, 580718	Not present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and comments from Panfish Team Leader. Comments from delegates was, wait for experimental Panfish research to be completed. Before proposing a regulation change.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Randy Symicek and 2nd by Larry Damman, passed	Rejected
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

16.	Panfish bag limit reduction for Virginia Lake, 570118	Not Present
DISCUSSION	Chair read resolution and comments from local Fisheries Biologist. Local biologist suggests to advance	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Brett Weir and 2nd by Reed Kabelowsky passed	Advanced
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

17.	Pike harvest opportunity - Portage County, 500418	Not present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and with comments from local Fisheries Biologist. Delegate and DNR Fisheries discussion ensued with support of the regulation change for Portage County. It was stated by the Fisheries Biologist that the Pike tool box will be completed soon and it was mentioned that a 26" size limit was incorporated in the tool box.	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Wayne Schmidt and 2nd by Joe Stuchlak, passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

18.	Protect catfish from harvest by hand, bow or crossbow, 120118	not present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and delegate discussion ensued in support of the resolution.	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Alan Balliet and 2nd by Mike Kelby, passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

19.	Rainbow Flowage muskellunge size limit, 440618	Not present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and comments from local biologists.	
ACTION	Motion to advance Brett Weir and 2nd by Joe Stuchlak. passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

20.	Reduce daily bag limit for panfish on Huron Lake, 700118	Dan Vandenburg
DISCUSSION	Author Present, Author stated an over harvest problem on lake Huron because of decreasing water levels caused of High Capacity Wells in the area. He stated Huron's current size has been dramatically reduced from it's original size of 40 acres and the current panfish regulation on Lake Huron needs to be adjusted to reflect decreased fish habitat.	

ACTION	Motion to advance by Randy Symicek 1st Al Brown 2nd, passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

21.	Removal of 26" length requirement for northern pike on multiple Waushara County Lakes, 700318	John Nelson, Tom Priestlaff
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and comments from the local Fisheries Biologist. Author made a presentation why to reduce to 26" size limit. The local fish biologist agrees with the size limit removal and proposes a 5 daily bag limit.	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Mike Arrowood and 2nd by Larry Damman, passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

22.	Remove 36" size limit on sturgeon during sturgeon spearing season, 360618	Not Present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and comments by Sturgeon Team Leader, plus comments from delegates support the resolution.	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Alan Balliet and 2nd by Tom Daluga passed	advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Bob Belair		

23.	Restore the special waters exemption for motor trolling with three lines per person, 440918	Not Present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair, plus chair read comments from author and local Fish Biologists. Biologist suggests to keep the rule as is and see how things go with the current rules, since this proposal was just voted on. Delegates agree that this is a local issue. Refer to resolution 440418 #6	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Kurt Justice and second by Harry Bowey, passed	Reject
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Kris Gray		

24.	Smallmouth bass regulation on Namekagon, Garden and Jackson lakes, 040718	Not present
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair and comments by Bass Team Leader, It was stated that 2002 biological research results would support a rule change along with being supported socially. But more research needs to be done. With that said a comprehensive study will be performed in 2020. Discussion from the delegates ensued and based on most current outdated (2002) biological research and assessment suggests not to advance. Until forthcoming (updated) research is completed in 2020.	
ACTION	Motion to reject by Kurt Justice and 2nd by Mike Kelby passed	Reject
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

25.	Update fishery plan for Namekagon River, 580318	Frank
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by Chair, Author was present. Local Biologist shares author's interest in getting this approved.	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Mike Arrowood and 2nd by Scott Strook, passed	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

B. Re Write 510118, Daily bag of 10 panfish Cranberry Lake

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DISCUSSION	Re write 510118 to read Daily bag of 10 panfish on Cranberry Lake	
ACTION	Motion to advance by Wayne Schmidt and 2nd by Peter Doperlaski,	Advance
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

C. [DESCRIPTION OF TOPIC]

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION		
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Schmidt, Wayne, keep the resolutions in numerical order Re write resolution #5 to read eliminate the size limit on crappie Arrowood, Mike stated he was not contacted by the Walleye team for input or meeting date Arrowood, Mike. Close down the Menasha Loch, because of brown goobies Brazzel, Jason
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion by Randy Symicek and 2nd by Scott Strook passed at 2:45
SUBMITTED BY	Brett Weir
DATE	08/11/2018